



TSU, Moncada seal partnership commemorating Moncada@150



Tarlac State University's Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development and the local government of Moncada Tarlac signed a memorandum of agreement on May 31, 2024 at the Moncada Municipal Hall for

the town's sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary.

The project, dubbed "Preserving Moncada's Legacy: A Path to 150 Years (Moncada@150)," aims to publish a book spanning 1874-2024 containing Moncada

town's heritage, history, and traditions through the help of Dr. Lino L. Dizon, former commissioner of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines and former director of TSU Center for Tarlaqueño Studies.

"...We believe that this is not only an intelligent concept but is full of wisdom because we will be inviting our (former) commissioner, Prof. Lino Dizon, who is not tired of searching for truth, patiently packaging the history of Tarlac. Now,

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Tarlac State University's Center for Tarlaqueño Studies organized a lecture on linguistic anthropology and Ilocano Studies with Toronto Metropolitan University Associate Professor Dr. Dana Osborne on May 9, 2024 at the CASS Theater Room.

This activity is part of the university-wide lecture series of CTS spearheaded by Prof. Jose Russell S. Arador, unit head, aimed to equip students with knowledge of the rich history and culture of the Tarlac Province and their

understanding and preserve the linguistic and cultural heritage of Tarlac.

As the first leg of the lecture series, Dr. Osborne discussed the concept and foundation of ethnography, elements of contemporary linguistic anthropology in the American tradition, and the context of ethnographic work to some students and faculty members of the College of Education, College of Arts and Social Sciences, and the TSU MAHARLIKA.

She also shared the elements of her work in Ilocandia, focusing on her research topics on

codeswitching practices of Ilocanos in the provincial Philippine classroom and the place of English in contemporary Philippine linguistic life.

According to Prof. Arador, the purpose

of the lecture is to spark the interest of students in Ilocano studies as the former CTS directors, Dr. Lino L. Dizon (also a former commissioner of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines) and Dr. Rodrigo Sicat, have already accomplished the study and popularization of the Kapampangan language.



"As we all know, the Ilocano language, history, and culture are very much a part and parcel of Tarlac. To spark interest in Ilocano studies, the CTS invited an international expert on the linguistic anthropological study of Ilocano," he said.

Dr. Dizon supported this by stating that the lecture creates a balance in Tarlac's linguistic culture.

"This kind of lecture is very important and interesting as it strikes a balance between all the languages we have here in Tarlac as there [is] little to no effort when it comes to studying the Ilocano language [in Tarlac] knowing that our province is home to a large number of Ilocano speakers," Dr. Dizon said in an interview.



Moreover, Prof. Douglas C. Ferrer, Office of Culture, Arts and Language assistant director, shared that he was inspired to conduct the same study in the Pangasinense language.

"I was awakened [by] your topic because, in our province in Pangasinan, most speak Ilocano. It seems like

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TSU, LGU offices join AITECH 2-day international hybrid training

Mary Joy B. Manalo, Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Tarlac State University's executives, deans, and directors, along with representatives from the various planning and development offices of Tarlac Province's local government units, attended the two-day international hybrid training and workshop on AITECH at the Alumni Center in Lucinda Campus last May 21-22, 2024.

The AI-TECH (Advanced Innovation and Technology for Smart Sustainable Cities and Communities) aims to foster a culture of innovation and impact-driven collaboration among scholars, public administrators, and other societal stakeholders.

The event was organized by the university's Center for Engineering and Environmental Research (CEER), Center for Solar and Emerging Technologies (CSET), and Center for Community and Local Governance Studies

and Policy Development (CCLGSPD) under the Office of the Vice President for Research Development and Extension. It comprises interactive lectures, workshops, and practical skills training to develop smart, sustainable, technology-driven research activities, planning management, and office processes.

The sessions were spearheaded by Dr. Michael Lochinvar Sim Abundo, Research and Development Programme

Integration Manager of Saab-NTU Joint Lab at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, covering topics such as the 17 Sustainable Development Goals indicators, the theory of change framework, gap analysis, and road mapping.

He urged the participants to find their passion to create an impact on the world, citing a quote from the film "Lorax."

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing's going to get better. Find that particular

impact [in your life] and have a little bit of contribution to the world. Kahit isang katiting lang na patak, it's already so meaningful if you put your heart [into it]," he said.

After the lecture, Dr. Abundo instructed the participants to create an output outlining their proposed vision, mission, identity, goals, Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Results (SOAR) analysis, and plans and programs

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CCLGSPD launches Project CARE with Anao LGU

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



The Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development partnered with the local government of Anao, a pioneering town for Project CARE, to strengthen the town's Child Protection Policy.

The memorandum of agreement signing for the CARE Anao Project (Consultancy and Research on Localizing Child Protection Policy in the municipality of Anao) was held on May 8, 2024 at the Main AVR.

Through this project, the School of Law's legal aid clinic will offer legal assistance to the town alongside the guidance and counseling services of the College of Arts and Social Sciences Psychology Department.

Meanwhile, the CCLGSPD will conduct capacity-building activities for teachers and owners of childcare centers and public schools in Anao and create

a localized child protection policy in consultation with the Municipal Social Welfare Development and the town's stakeholders.

According to Ms. Vien Jamaica Samson, Local Government and Policy Development department head, the center started its two-year project last February 2024. The capacity development activities will commence after the policy and advocacy programs are drafted.

Local officials will also be involved in the training, such as handling cases of violence and abuse of children.



Vice Mayor Jocelyn Punzalan, who represented Anao Mayor Gian Pierre De Dios, said they are grateful to TSU for catering projects and

partnerships in their town, a third-class municipality.

"We are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our child in our community. Our child protection policy aims to localize resources and support, ensuring swift actions and tailored intervention...Let's work together to create a secure environment for our children to thrive through," Mayor De Dios said, as read by Vice Mayor Punzalan.

Ms. Maricar Butay, Anao town's Municipal Social Welfare and Development head, was also present during the partnership signing.

Ms. Butay and Ms. Samson both mentioned that the Moncada and San Jose towns are also interested in entering into a similar partnership with TSU.

"We are very thrilled at na-appreciate po namin that you are partnering again with us sa TSU. We welcome you back sa TSU with the CARE Anao Project. We are grateful na napili

niyo ang TSU to assist you sa pag produce po ng child protection policy for the local government unit of Anao. At sabi nga ni Ma'am Cynthia kanina, 'No child should be left behind, and no child should be unprotected,'" Prof. Emir Lenard Sicangco, Office of University Extension Services director, said.

Vice Mayor Punzalan also sought the university's help in enhancing the municipality's database for their filed resolutions, such as a Sanggunian Information System where people can access written resolutions.

In response, Dr. Cynthia Quiambao, CCLGSPD director, said a database under their PRISM project is on deck for Anao town with the assistance of the College of Computer Studies.



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Ms. Remar Salvador | OURD

Tarlac State University and the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) signed a memorandum of agreement on May 14, 2024 at the DENR Provincial Office to establish a collaborative partnership in improving environmental research and sustainability activities.

Part of the long-term collaboration is a six-month research project with funding from PENRO stipulated in the MOA. This is the first research endeavor of TSU this year granted with external funding.

Office of University Research Development Director Dr. Robert V. Marcos, research project team leader, represented TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco in the ceremonial MOA signing alongside Ms. Angelica Tabamo, lead author, from the Center for Natural Products Research.

This partnership



indicates a shared commitment to promoting sustainable development and emphasizes the importance of academic-government collaboration in solving environmental issues.

Representatives from PENRO expressed delight in the collaboration, stating that partnering with TSU would improve their ability

to implement successful environmental programs and regulations.

The collaboration is expected to provide significant research findings to elevate the province's environmental management methods.

The environmental study also involves Mr. Jaidriel Meg Cabanding

from OURD and Prof. Claire Lagrana from the College of Science as the other team members.

Also present during the MOA signing were DENR-III Regional Director Ralph C. Pablo and Provincial Director Celia D. Esteban, who represented the PENRO.

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our language, Pangasinense, is dying. While you were delivering your presentation, I was just thinking that I have to conduct a similar study that really inspires us to continue using our language," Prof. Ferrer said.

He further encouraged the audience to "speak, love, and promote your language."

The continuation of the three-part lecture series will feature historians and

Tarlac pride, Dr. Dizon and Prof. Xiao Chua, public historian and assistant professor at De La Salle University, who have both contributed to realizing and cultivating the rich culture of Tarlac.

Also present during the event are Office of Culture, Arts and Language Director Prof. Marcelino Balanquit, Faculty Regent Prof. Winifredo L. Luis, Presidential Assistant Dr.

Brigido B. Corpuz, and Dr. Rodrigo Sicat, former CTS

director and retired TSU professor.



TSUian scholars to benefit from Tarlac-based Eagles Club program

Mary Joy B. Manalo

Tarlac State University sealed its first partnership with the Tarlac Masikhay Knights Eagles Club on May 9, 2024, at the Alumni Center in Lucinda Campus.

Through the partnership, 16 indigent students from different year levels of the College of Education will receive a monthly allowance amounting to 1,000 pesos under the Tarlac Masikhay Knights Eagles Club Scholarship Program starting the first semester of academic year 2024-2025 until their board exam review.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg thanked the organization for extending help to the students.

“This would mean a lot to the students’ connectivity, transportation, and food allowance. I know that this is just the beginning of our long-term partnership because you would really be of help to our students,” VP Macaraeg said.

Meanwhile, TSU President Dr. Arnold

E. Velasco shared his inspirational story from when he was still studying at Tarlac College of Technology (now TSU).

“Mabibilang ko lang sa daliri ko na ako ay nagkaroon ng baon na ulam nung ako ay nag-aaral. Para magkaroon ako ng pamasaha, nanghihiram ako ng tricycle sa kapitbahay para pumasada. Marami mang naging challenges sa buhay ko, naging motibasyon ko ang mga iyon para makapagtapos sa pag-aaral,” Pres. Velasco said.

“Napakapalad ninyo ngayon na libre ang edukasyon at mayroon kayong ganitong klase ng scholarship allowance. Kaya huwag ninyong sayangin because this will be an opportunity for you to really realize your dream,” he added.

Moreover, COED dean Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza and College of Business and Accountancy faculty Prof. Fabian Seguiria called upon the students to study hard and to pay forward the blessing of scholarship to other students



in the future.

Dean Mendoza and Prof. Seguiria are the president and vice president of the Tarlac Masikhay Eagles Club, respectively.

Furthermore, Tarlac City Councilor Hon. Necito “Ato” Chua also reminisced about his time as a working student from a young age. According to him, it was always his dream to help students through scholarships as he knows the struggle of providing for oneself.

“I have been a working student during my younger years, where I would wash dishes. Now, I am already 77 and I try to live para mabigyan ko kayo ng scholarship at matulungan kayo nang tuloy-tuloy. That’s my dream and ever since I was in Olongapo – I was there for 26 years; I already have scholars. I am always happy to help, and I will try my best to help more students,” Hon. Chua said.

Afterward, Hon. Chua gave 16,000 pesos to

the first batch of scholars from his own pocket.

Meanwhile, first-year BSED Sciences student Geniel Kyla R. Gariando expressed a message of appreciation towards the benefactors on the scholars’ behalf.

“Together with my co-scholars, we are deeply grateful po for the help and opportunity you have given us for the betterment of our education as this will ease our financial worries. Rest assured po that this opportunity will not be wasted,” Gariando said.

To continuously enjoy the scholarship program, the scholars should not have a failing grade. They must have a general weighted average of at least 2.50 or 80%.

At present, both parties are working on adding 50 scholars from different colleges with the assistance of Tarlac 2nd District representative Hon. Christian Tell A. Yap as the major benefactor.

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aligned with the SDGs for their respective offices.

Representatives from the different offices presented their outputs, which were critiqued by the speaker.

Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza, College of Education dean, represented the Council of Deans and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs during the gap analysis presentation.

He emphasized the following plans: 1) adding more mobility for student and faculty exchange in the academe; 2) targeting CCJE and COS as Centers of Excellence recognized by CHED; 3) strengthening connections and partnerships for foreign extension services; and 4) increasing the allotment of incentives for faculty researchers.

Meanwhile, Ms. Vien Jamaica Samson, CCLGSPD department head, said they are to tap industry partners like some micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Moncada town as they plan to be a champion for community local government and policy development in Tarlac Province.

The CCLGSPD is also working on research since their office is about to turn one year from its establishment in 2023.

In response, Dr. Abundo said that the university should utilize and collaborate with its centers for industry engagement and the Office of University Extension Services for workshops with industry partners.

He wrapped up the whole exchange of discussions, encouraging the participants to memorize the SDGs by heart as a vital indicator in assessing the issues and finding solutions in their respective fields and for their future projects.

Moreover, Dr. Abundo said workshops and skills training would help assess problems, and the identified goals and objectives will aid in developing technical skills when performing office functions.

The participants were also invited to work with researchers in the university to bridge the gaps toward having a more smart and sustainable community.



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TSU honors life, legacy of Pres. Dolores Matias

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Tarlac State University welcomed home Dr. Dolores G. Matias, former university president, for the last time at the Alumni Center in Lucinda Campus for a public viewing and necrological services on May 1, 2024.

Present and former members of the university administration, colleagues, and friends joined Dr. Matias' family in honoring her life and legacy as the third TSU president and the first female president.

Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, current TSU president, showed appreciation to the late university president by noting some of her qualities worth emulating, such as being motherly, open to all, religious, and helpful to the needy.

"Ma'am Dolly, I will be adopting the things that I heard po. These will serve as my compass or footsteps to follow for me to lead the university," Pres. Velasco said.

Dr. Priscilla C. Viuya, the TSU president after Dr. Matias, shared her memories of the first female president's leadership.

"We will remember Ma'am Matias as a great leader. She was a nonchalant leader, straight forward... She was so practical. She had this no-nonsense kind of leadership. With her, hindi ka manghuhula kung anong gusto niya... It wasn't difficult working with her," she said.

"Ma'am Matias gave us all these opportunities, and we will never forget this kind of leadership that she had... She gave us the template for governance and leadership. We know exactly what we have to do - make it simple, make it credible, authentic, and visible," she added.

Dr. Dalisay V. Rigor, former TSU vice president, recalled how Dr. Matias was like an "ate" or big sister to her.

"Ang una po naming ugnayan, hindi po sa Tarlac

College of Technology. Bahagi po ako ng DepEd sa Victoria West, na-assign bilang principal. Saan ko siya nakilala? Naka-enroll siya sa Ph.D. (doctorate), ako naman po, bilang bagong principal, tinuloy ko din po ang mag-aral. At siya ang dinatnan kong nakasama sa Angeles University Foundation. Naging magkaklase kami sa mga subjects...sila 'yung mga seniors, at nakita niya ako sa aking kabataan, at pinulot niya ako bilang kapatid. Kaya sa akin, 'Ate Dolly' siya," Dr. Rigor said.

"Ito po ay personal kong ugnayan kay Ate Dolly. Kaya hindi niyo maririnig noon, pag tinitingnan lang niya ako, Ate Dolly ko siya," she added.

Dr. Rigor went on to become a faculty member of TCT's graduate school (now TSU) under Dr. Ernesto Cosme's presidency, with Dr. Matias as a colleague and "silent" supporter in her new venture.

Dr. Lorna L.

Dimatulac, former TSU vice president, talked about Dr. Matias' constant guidance and encouragement, motherly love, and trust in the ability of her people.

"Hindi lang po professional 'yung paghawak niya sa amin. Nandoon 'yung personal care at tender loving care ng isang nanay... Kahit po hindi niya kilala basta kumakatok sa opisina niya, tinatanggap niya. In-entertain po niya at walang tinatanggihan. Hindi po siya namimili at tumatangi sa mga taong lumalapit sa kanya," she said.

Dr. Glenard T. Madriaga, former TSU vice president, shared many of his encounters with Dr. Matias.

He talked about how she was like a mother to him, who guided and gave him advice. He also said that she was very supportive of the then teaching and non-teaching union and the TSU cooperative's activities and initiatives, where he cited that Dr. Matias was a

strong advocate of women's rights and helped with the establishment of the TSU daycare center.

"[Iyon] po 'yung mga things that I want to share... Bakit namin ginagawa ito (eulogy)? It's not for the dead... We are doing these things to inculcate into the hearts and minds of our colleagues who are still active in the service what are the values that has to be cherished by this university... 'Yung mga pinasa sa atin ng mga nauna, na pilit din nating ipapasa sa mga sumunod sa atin, at ipapasa pa," he said.

Ms. Aurelia S. Valencia, the TSU Board of Regents secretary, thanked Dr. Matias for the opportunities she received from her - most notably on the establishment of the Management Information Systems Office.

"I know deep in our hearts, alam natin kung anong buti ang binigay sa atin ni ma'am. Kahit noong

'di pa siya patay, kahit noong buhay pa siya, alam natin Ma'am Matias loves us all. She loves TSU. She loves the people of TSU. There may be some conflicts pero it is on a professional level, hindi po personal," she said.

She also said that Dr. Matias was not a weak leader, but she also was not that strong enough for people to be afraid of her. She said that she had the "heart of a mother" and the "heart of a colleague" as the university's chief executive.

Meanwhile, Prof. Douglas C. Ferrer recounted his experiences of Dr. Matias' "motherly love" to the students, especially those who were orphaned, when he was the student regent and a student assistant during her incumbency as vice president until his wedding day.

"Si Ma'am Matias, alam niyo, siya 'yung tumayong pinaka-nanay ko noon. Siya ang nagsalita ng kabutihan tungkol sa akin... kasi during that time hindi

na nakauwi ang mother ko," he said. "Ikukuwento ko sa mga anak ko kung gaano kabuti ang mother niyo (Dr. Matias) sa akin at sa mga iba pang estudyante," he added as a message to the Matias family.

On behalf of the bereaved family, Mr. Anthony Matias and Mr. Patrick Matias, Dr. Matias' son and grandson, respectively, thanked the TSU community for the messages, memories, and experiences they shared to celebrate the life of the former university president.

"We will keep her in our thoughts and in our hearts, we will keep her spirit alive, and that's what will keep her closer to us. Now, she is with my grandpa and my uncle Andrew. Thank you, everyone, for the kind words, the beautiful words. We really appreciate it. Thank you for being here," the younger Matias said.

The university's ROTC cadets assisted in

placing Dr. Matias' remains at the Alumni Center at around 10:00 AM for the public viewing. Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, former TSU president, stood on behalf of the university to receive the body.

Dr. Matias was the TSU president from 1998 to 2006 and was OIC president from 1996 to 1998. Before her presidency, she served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1987 to 1998 and the Graduate School Dean in 1986.

She passed away on April 29, 2024 at 83 years old.

Dr. Matias was laid to rest on May 2 at the Eternal Memorial Park in Brgy Binauganan, Tarlac City.

Details from Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, Dr. Grace N. Rosete, Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, Mr. Von Rex M. Reyes
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TSU signs MOA with Red Cross Tarlac to save lives

Mary Joy B. Manalo



Tarlac State University strengthened its alliance with the Philippine Red Cross for the reinforcement of quality lifesaving services and programs through a memorandum of agreement signed on May 14, 2024 at the Main AVR.

With this partnership, the Red Cross Tarlac Chapter will conduct volunteer activities for TSU, such as voluntary mass blood donation, psychosocial support services, disaster risk reduction and management, and climate change adaptation.

Moreover, both parties are also seeking to partner for community

development programs and community extension activities in relation to the National Service Training Program (NSTP), as well as to develop opportunities for engagement with the National Service Reserve Corps (NSRC).

“We consider this as a milestone and breakthrough simply because we have so many prospects for TSU for it has a large number of students. We are very committed to [campaign rigorously] to pursue this noble objective of recruiting so many members from this university,” Mr. Luciano L. Paras, Jr., Red Cross board of directors’ financial officer,

said.

According to Mr. Paras, the Red Cross Tarlac Chapter targets to collect 13,000 blood units this year.

“Our commitment is to save more lives and have more members. The more recruits can carry out PRC’s (Red Cross) humanitarian vision,” he added.

Furthermore, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg assured the PRC that the students and the TSU community will help in donating blood and supporting its other activities.

“We all know for a fact that red means war, red means blood, but red means love as well. So, we are here in this MOA not because we want to surge war, but we want to end somehow the scarcity of blood that the people in the community are in dire need [of],” VP Macaraeg said.

Apart from the aforementioned activities, the Red Cross Tarlac Chapter also looks forward to encouraging students, faculty,

and non-teaching personnel to enroll in their Membership and Accident Assistance Benefits (MAAB) program where they can pay an annual contribution to the Red Cross humanitarian fund.

Additionally, the local chapter also seeks to promote training for disaster preparation, basic first aid, health in disasters and emergencies, and welfare services to name a few.

Other PRC officials in attendance are Ms. Jennylyn G. Miclat, Tarlac Chapter OIC; Mr. Jesus Cano Chua, board chairman; and Mr. Rivo Raymundo P. Nisce, board member.

The MOA signing was also witnessed by TSU officials, namely University President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Administration Dr. Grace N. Rosete, NSTP Director Prof. Rodel Macasaquit, and Office of Student Affairs and Services Director Prof. Gherold C. Benitez, represented by Dr. Dexter L. Manzano.



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So, what is your mother tongue?

Identity seems to be the buzzword in the entire country lately, following the interrogations haunting the incumbent mayor of Bamban town in Tarlac. One contention in confirming Mayor Alice Guo’s identity as a Filipino is whether she could speak the Kapampangan language, the town’s mother tongue, after living there for almost three decades. Is language a way to measure an individual’s identity, more so, a Tarlaqueño’s identity?

To set things straight, Mayor Guo is not the main point of this writing. She is simply an exemplar of identity and identification, not just as a Filipino but as a Tarlaqueño. The dictionary defines identity as the fact

of being who or what a person is. It pertains to a close similarity or affinity. Craig Scott from the Rutgers’ School of Communication and Information states that “identity is a complex concept that captures the multiple facets of the individual including personality, values, beliefs, roles, and, ultimately, how one perceives oneself in relation to others.” Suffice it to say that identity is not as simple as it seems. Identifying as a Tarlaqueño is not synonymous with speaking either Kapampangan or Ilocano.

If Pampanga has a Center for Kapampangan Studies, Tarlac also has the Center for Tarlaqueño Studies. Most of the

center’s former heads are Kapampangan by blood, namely Dr. Lino L. Dizon, hailing from Concepcion, Tarlac, and Dr. Rodrigo M. Sicat, a local of Lubao, Pampanga. For so long a time, the center has been known to have strong ties with the Kapampangan roots of the province. However, this month, the Center opened a new avenue by introducing Ilocano studies through a lecture with Dr. Dana Osborne, an associate professor from the Toronto Metropolitan University. Knowing that Tarlac is the Melting Pot of Central Luzon, introducing the Ilocano anthropology among Tarlaqueños would spark inclusivity and live up to its moniker.

There is no need to be a purist in a “melting pot.” Tarlac has the right cultural blend of Tagalogs, Kapampangans, Ilocanos, and even Pangasinenses. To identify as a Tarlaqueño does not mean an individual has to speak all of the four languages. It is perfectly fine to speak only one of these languages. Identities can be formed through interactions. Not everyone who speaks the same language embodies the sole truth of being a Tarlaqueño. Ultimately, this is not the only narrative of a local. Try talking to someone you know from this province and ask, “What is your mother tongue?”

TSU, DENR’s Forest Investment Development Division to collaborate for joint research

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Tarlac State University’s Office of University Research Development and the Forest Investment Development Division (FIDD) under the Forest Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) convened an exploratory meeting via Google Meet on May 10, 2024 to discuss potential research collaborations.

In a significant step towards fostering interdisciplinary cooperation, TSU and DENR expressed their commitment to exploring opportunities and working towards concrete outcomes that benefit society and the environment.

Led by FMB-FIDD OIC Division Chief Forester

Alicia Castillo (also Forest Investment Packaging Section chief) and OURD Director Dr. Robert V. Marcos, the meeting served as a platform for dialogue and idea exchange, identifying areas of mutual interest and exploring opportunities for joint research projects.

Moreover, Forester Aloysius Jan R. Revilla, Forest Investment Promotion Section chief; Forester Norlito P. Sarmiento, Forest Revenue Development Section chief; and Mr. Luke Joshua Castro from the Forest Investment Packaging Section presented some of their planned activities and programs for collaborations with researchers from TSU.

Follow-up discussions and planning



sessions are expected to occur in the coming weeks to refine collaboration plans and initiate joint research activities.

The gathering involved key stakeholders

from both institutions, section heads, and the technical staff of the FMB-FIDD.

3 SUCs conducts pilot testing for UAQTEA data collection instruments

Mary Joy B. Manalo



Three state universities visited Tarlac State University for an on-site pilot testing of data collection instruments for the development of policy recommendations to enhance the effectiveness and impact of the RA 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (UAQTEA).

Researchers from Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU), Samar State University (SSU), and University of Southern Mindanao (USM) conducted the activity titled “Enhancing Access and Success in State Universities and Colleges

across Regions I, VIII, and XII, Philippines” on May 29, 2024 at the Smith Hall, Main Campus.

Project leaders Dr. Sherrie Ann Cananua-Labid, SSU Executive Director for Research, and Prof. Kenneth G. Bayani, DMMMSU Director for Research gathered insights and feedback from various TSUian stakeholders composed of students, parents, alumni, and sponsors through simultaneous focus group discussions.

According to Dr. Labid, the purpose of the project is to “empower equity target students and create a more inclusive and accessible

higher education system.” “Our collective responsibility is to bridge the gaps and ensure that every student, regardless of their socio-economic background or circumstances, has an equal opportunity to thrive academically,” Dr. Labid said.

In a message, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco committed to giving all the necessary help to achieve to project’s success.

“The game now [between SUCs] is no longer a competition but a collaboration. We cannot stand alone. Mayroon pong mga bagay na hindi natin kaya, but if we will work together, kayang-kaya po natin ma-achieve ang mga ito,” Pres. Velasco said.

Furthermore, he shared a quote from Mother Teresa, “I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things.”

“Yung ordinary na meron tayo ay nagiging

extraordinary if we will give our effort in exerting extra for it to become extraordinary,” he said.

Moreover, SSU President Dr. Redentor S. Palencia reechoed Pres. Velasco’s message of



collaboration and highlighted the project’s importance.

“I would like to connect the word collaboration from Pres. Velasco to convergence – we are SUCs converging together for a greater purpose,” he said.

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TSU, DFS Educational Program forge partnership for 5 Mayantoc scholars

Mary Joy B. Manalo



Tarlac State University gathered with the first-degree family members of the late Don Francisco P. Santos, the first elected municipal mayor of Mayantoc, for the ceremonial signing of a memorandum of agreement on May 24, 2024 at the Engineering AVR.

Through the partnership organized by the Scholarship and Financial Assistance Unit, five incoming third-year students from Mayantoc town are set to receive 6,000 pesos under the Don Francisco P. Santos (DFS) Educational Assistance Program this coming first semester of the academic year 2024-2025.

Benefactor Mrs. Marian Santos-Flores shared that after the pandemic, she and her cousins decided to continue the legacy of their great grandfather Don Francisco who donated parcels of land to meet the requirement for the conversion of Mayantoc into a town.

“Noong nag-

pandemic po, maraming pinaalala ang Diyos sa atin – na maikli lang ang buhay. Kaya naman dapat gumawa tayo ng mabuti araw-araw para makatulong lalong-lalo na po sa mga kabataan na kapos sa matrikula na nais makapagtapos upang makatulong hindi lamang sa kanilang sarili kundi lalong-lalo na sa kanilang pamilya,” Mrs. Flores said in her speech.

It was Don Francisco’s son, Dominador, a former high school principal and war veteran, who started the scholarship program inspired by his love for learning.

One of the beneficiaries is Geraldine Felizardo, 19, a second-year BS Environmental Science student. Felizardo said she will use the stipend for her school expenses to help her parents – a farmer and a modiste.

Felizardo wants to use her allowance for commuting instead of spending it for board and

lodging. She would rather commute every day to help her family with chores and take care of her ailing grandmother granted that her class schedule permits.

“You are already a double scholar – a scholar of the government and the DFS Educational Assistance Program. We are only hoping that you will do your best in your studies kasi ‘yung mga benefactors niyo will be very happy. Kasi that means ‘yung mga benefactors niyo ay hindi maisasantabi,” Dr. Agnes Macaraeg, Vice President for Academic Affairs, said in her speech.

She also asked the scholars to do their best in their studies and instill the university’s values to help and give back to other people in their own way.

“Tumulong tayo, whatever would be the level ng ating pagtulong. Because through that core value of truth in all our undertakings, we may be capable [of uniting] with other people, and we also have to provide

service with the utmost compassion,” VP Macaraeg said.

Furthermore, VP Macaraeg read TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco’s message to the scholars, highlighting the importance of having a degree and scholarships to grant them more career opportunities.

“Our dear beneficiaries, having a college degree and being well-educated raises your chance of finding better employment and opens up new prospects. This is the most powerful weapon you can have to make all your dreams come true,” VP Macaraeg read.

Joining the Santos family representatives are Ms. Faith G. Santos and La Paz municipal councilor Hon. Migs Flores, husband of Mrs. Marian.

Meanwhile, Dr. Gladie Natherine G. Cabanizas, Student Affairs and Services OIC Director, and Dr. Niña G. Valentin, SFAU Head, also graced the activity.

TSU, Moncada seal partnership commemorating Moncada@150

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

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he belongs to our team, and we will package not only recalling the past of Moncada but also establish and package for our future generation,” Dr. Cynthia Quiambao, CCLGSPD director, said.

Moncada mayor Hon. Estelita Aquino commended the university’s effort in helping them preserve the town’s history.

“TSU is not just committed to providing us with the services of being able to put up or write [the] correct history of Moncada, but they are even committing to spend their own fund for this program,” Mayor Aquino said.

Dr. Dizon shared the history of Moncada and clarified some details, prompting a research endeavor for the university.

He also cited some theories about the origin of



the municipality’s name, like “Moncada” as a family name popular in Spain.

“This is really a very memorable day for us. We made the right decision when we thought of coming up [with] a book about Moncada kasi sa ngayon, ‘yun ang alam namin. But when you ask somebody even with the people here,

the department heads, wala lang silang masasabi kung hindi ang Moncada ay 150 years by 2025,” Mayor Aquino said in her speech.

According to Asst. Prof. Bryan Jan Dizon, project leader, the partnership will revolve around six components namely: archival research, cultural mapping, community workshops and awareness, Moncada cultural identity and branding, educational initiatives, and digitization of archives.

The book will include traditional landmarks and some stories of the residents who contributed to the town’s history. The project will also have community workshops and awareness, providing an avenue for the other residents to narrate their stories.

“We affirm our commitment on behalf of Tarlac State University. We commit our university to be doing the tasks as (stated) in the MOA that was signed – functions namin, obligations. And I trust this endeavor for God’s intervention and we know that this will be materialized in due time,” TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco said.



Activities like educational tours and



interactive exhibits for visitors will be conducted together with artifact preservation in materializing cultural importance.

The university will also help digitize archives for online historical data that will be accessible to researchers, students, and the general public.



“Once this document is released to the public, fortunately, we have very competent people who will be able to educate the community, and this book will be brought out to the public. We can publish it naman po for us to be able to educate our future members of the community,” Dr. Murphy P. Mohammed, Vice President for Research Development and Extension,

said. “Ang kailangan po natin dito ay magtulongan po tayo dahil even though we have the financial resources, we will not be able to get all this proper information without the cooperation of the different people as well as the agencies,” VP Mohammed added.

The project will run from April 2024 to April 2026.

“We may not be born here in Moncada but rest assured that from this day forward, all of us, the technical working committee involved, TSU, and also our experts, we are now Moncadeños by heart,” Dr. Quiambao said.



OIBD continues Saliksiklaban for student researchers

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



In its fourth year, the Office of Innovation and Business Development led the conduct of the Saliksiklaban 4, a university-wide undergraduate research competition, with 22 entries from the ABLESS and STEM categories, on May 2-3, 2024, at the Lucinda Campus.

The annual undergraduate student research competition is anchored on the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly quality education (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), reduced inequalities (SDG 10), sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11), and partnership for the goals (SDG 17).

It aims to discover students’ research capabilities and identify outputs that can impact the community, where

the OIBD (formerly OTDTC) would assist in the process of copyright and transfer to communities that need it.

“Embrace the learning experience that you will gain in this competition and maganda nga po you will be motivated. Keep in mind that research competitions offer opportunities for learning, personal development, networking, and [an] additional chance to compete...You will have the chance [to compete] in other venues nationally and internationally,” TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco said.

Out of the 13 entries under the ABLESS category, the study of a student research group from the College of Architecture and Fine Arts, titled Centro

Kabyawan: Redefining Local Tourist Experience through Agro-Creative Tourism Model,” was awarded first place.

Meanwhile, the winner under the STEM category is the group from the College of Engineering with their research, “Improvement of the Existing Unconfined Compression Apparatus with Soil Bearing Capacity and Shallow Square Footing Analysis System.” The group also received the best poster award in the said category.

According to Cheska Gragasin, a fourth-year mechanical engineering student and one of the proponents of the research “Utilization of Vortex-Mechanism in an Organic Compost Tea Brewing

Machine for Sustainable Soil Conditioning” that won third place in the STEM category, they are targeting to help small scale farmers in the Tingtano Farm in San Jose, Tarlac.

Gragasin said the organic compost tea brewing machine can produce 80 liters of compost tea in 24 hours, which can condition 110 sq.m. of soil.

Aside from the major awards in each category, the Office of Gender and Development recognized the “most gender-sensitive” research papers and other gender-related studies.

The ABLESS category research outputs were evaluated by Prof. Michael Charleston B. Chua, a public historian from Tarlac and

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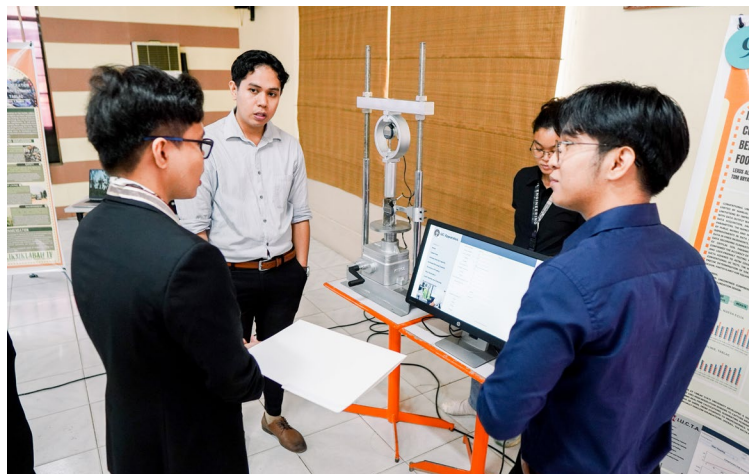
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professor from De La Salle University; Dr. Jessie Barrot, National University-Clark Research and Development Office assistant vice president; Dr. Jean Paolo Lacap, City College of Angeles' Research, Extension, and Quality Assurance vice president and president of Pampanga Research Educators Organization.

The panel members for the STEM category are Dr. Michael Lochinvar Abundo, SAAB-NTU Joint Lab assistant director and program manager; Engr.

Aldrez Aviso, Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines intellectual property rights specialist; and Engr. Edward Paul Apigo, Department of Science and Technology senior science research specialist.

"Masaya ako that you showed sensitivity. A lot of the research have asked 'Ano ba 'yung pangangailangan niyo? Ano 'yung tingin niyo sa kultura niyo? Ano 'yung tingin niyo sa dapat mangayari sa lipunan natin?' that's why you were able to come up with these very



beautiful researches and I am very proud to call na I'm from this province," Prof. Chua, ABLESS category evaluator, told the student researchers.

Chua also suggested writing studies using the Filipino language and indicated that some outputs could be distributed to the Center for Tarlaqueño Studies for future reference of the historians.

Cash prizes for the ABLESS category are 10,000 pesos for the first placer, 7,000 for the second placer, and 5,000 for the third placer.

On the other hand,

the top three STEM groups received 20,000, 15,000, and 10,000 pesos, respectively.

GAD allotted cash incentives for the most gender-sensitive research papers amounting to 5,000 pesos for the first prize, 4,000 for the second prize, and 3,000 for the third prize.

Both categories were given an additional 1,000 peso cash prizes for gender-related research papers.

The OIBD's partners in organizing the Saliksiklaban 4 are the Office of University Research Development (OURD) and GAD.



List of Winners

	STEM	ABLESS
1st Place	Improvement Of the Existing Unconfined Compression Apparatus with Soil Bearing Capacity and Shallow Square Footing Analysis System (COE) <i>*Best Poster</i>	Centro Kabyawan: Redefining Local Tourist Experience through Agro-Creative Tourism Model (CAFA)
2nd Place	Efficacy of Eucalyptus (Eucalyptus globulus), Papaya (Carica Papaya) Leaves, and Lanzones (Lansium Domesticum) Peels in Developing Organic Mosquito Coil (COS)	Development of Pinoy Pedagogical Model for Community Engagement Solidarity and Citizenship (COED)
3rd Place	Utilization of Vortex-Mechanism in an Organic Compost Tea Brewing Machine for Sustainable Soil Conditioning (COE)	A School of Living Traditions: Reinvigorating Indigenous Knowledge of Ayta Abellens of Sta. Juliana Capas, Tarlac (CAFA) <i>*Best Poster</i>

Most Gender Sensitive Research Paper

1st Place	Perceived Effects of Biomedical Waste Incineration on the Health, Safety, Quality of Living and Environment among Selected Residents of Capas, Tarlac (COS)	Lived Experiences of LGBTQIA+ Employees Among Government Offices in Tarlac Province (CPAG)
2nd Place		Paghilom: A Redevelopment of Tarlac Home for Women to Reimagine Healing Spaces for Vulnerable Women (CAFA)
3rd Place		Interplay of Opposites: A Relational Dialectics Exploration of the Mother-Daughter Tensions in the film Lady Bird (CASS)

TSU secures 3rd-runner up spot in SCUAA III 2024

Jazzel Llaneli M. Manabat, John Michael D. Esteban

The Tarlac State University Firefoxes settled once more for the third runner-up trophy in the recently concluded SCUAA III 2024 hosted by the Tarlac Agricultural University in Camiling, Tarlac.

During the closing and awarding ceremony on May 24, 2024, TAU announced the final medal tally wherein TSU bagged 43 gold, 55 silver, and 53 bronze medals, with 151 medals in total.

With the university's third year of claiming the same rank, Sports Head Dr. Ligaya Gina S. Salangsang described the TSU delegation's performance as "perfect."

"Perfect para sa akin. It's really, really okay with me. Perfect sa akin. Amazing performance. Makikita mo yung heart, soul, dedication, and determination ng mga bata. Mas higit pa doon ang achievement and accomplishment ng office because shinowcase nila (athletes) lahat, 'yung talagang inexpect natin," Dr. Salangsang said in an interview.

"Diba

sabi ko naman, sa akin bonus na lang 'yung panalo. Ang gusto ko 'yung makita silang nag-grow na alam nila kung saan yung attitude nila," she added.

Dr. Salangsang remains hopeful for next year's regional sports meet as the athletes and coaching staff, with the support of the TSU administration and the Sports Development and Management Unit, will try to convert the silver and bronze medals to gold.

This year's delegation is composed of 277 athletes, 53 coaches and trainers, 21 officials, and 39 support staff who participated in various events from May 19-24.

Dr. Lora L. Yusi, CHED Regional Office III director, graced the opening ceremonies of the highly anticipated sports event participated by 13 state universities and colleges in Central Luzon.

"Together, please let us make history. Know that when they say 'Region III,' tatak CHED, tatak mahusay, tatak Region III [na] mahusay lahat ng mga atleta..." Dr. Yusi said in her speech.

Bulacan State University is still the



SCUAA III overall champion, followed by Bataan Peninsula State University and Central Luzon State University.

2025 will be hosted by the Pampanga State Agricultural University.

The SCUAA III in



Lifting his way to achieve his dreams

Mary Joy B. Manalo

Stepping up on the international stage for the first time can be an intimidating and challenging prospect, but for 21-year-old TSUian Ken Andrey P. Austria, the honor of carrying the country's name was what made him become one of the best in the Philippine collegiate powerlifting field.

From being one of the rookies of the Philippine team, Austria rose above 13 Asian countries, setting a record and clinching four golds and four silvers in his first international competition – the Asian Equipped Powerlifting Championship Cum Asian University Cup 2024 held on May 8, 2024, in Hong Kong.

Where it all started

Austria vividly recalled how his dream of



being on the national team began when he and his family went to watch the SEA Games hosted by the Philippines in 2019. The powerlifter shared that he saw Filipino athletes with medals wearing full battle gear – a

tracksuit with the Philippine flag. That moment made him think thoroughly about how these athletes brought honor to the country.

For Austria, becoming a part of the national team seemed to be impossible in his sport back then. “Nung unang nakita ko pa lang sila, pumasok na sa isip ko, ‘Grabe ano kayang ginawa nila para makarating sa point na ‘yon?’ Inisip ko sa sarili ko paano ko ma-achieve ‘yung gano’ng klase ng achievement at paano ako makakarating sa Philippine team kasi parang malabo sa pagba-basketball ko,” Austria said in an interview.

“At that time, may na-plant na seed sa ‘kin na gusto ko rin makarating doon – na i-represent ‘yung bansa ko,’” he added.

Austria’s strong will, fueled by his goal to represent the Philippines in the

international stage, led him to the world of powerlifting – a path he never saw himself to be taking.

In 2022, Austria began his powerlifting stint when his high school friend and gym buddy, Wesley Roi



C. Equila, urged him to try the sport.

The athlete went on trying the sport and made it as an avenue to pursue his goal. “Bawat training at competition, binibigay ko lahat para mapili ako na lumaban sa ibang bansa,” he said.

From then on, Austria garnered a total of eight golds, which were a product of his self-coaching with the help of his gym friends.

Against all odds

Every athlete has their own struggles. For Austria, like most Filipino athletes competing in individual sports, lack of funding is a significant hindrance to achieving their aspirations.

Austria stated that

his journey to the Asian competition was self-funded. Despite having a national training pool for athletes in the Philippines, only a limited number of athletes are chosen to be a part of it. In Austria’s case, “pay-your-own” was his only option.

“Linibot ko lahat ng LGUs pati relatives ko to seek financial support,” the powerlifter said. Even though he had doubts about whether his family could provide for him financially, he took the opportunity to represent the country abroad.

His struggles did not end there. He was once again tested by self-doubts. The athlete shared that despite topping the nominations before the actual competition, he felt intimidated by his other teammates who were a part of the Philippine team and had been powerlifting for

years compared to him, who just started two years ago.

Furthermore, as it was his first international competition, Austria revealed that he was nervous, adding to the fatigue he experienced during his preparation and travel.

“Nakarating kami doon two days before ‘yung first na laban ko. Maraming iniisip, maraming what ifs kasi hindi rin mape-predict kung ano ‘yung mangyayari. Tapos medyo fatigue din.” Still, he persevered to fulfill his longtime dream of representing the country on the international stage, which became a reality.

“Naghalo-halo ‘yung pagod sa byahe at preparation pero optimistic naman dahil alam ko na kasama ko ‘yung buong Philippine team,” the powerlifter explained.

“Lift” of faith

With only ten weeks of preparation, Austria secured three gold medals in the squat (262.5 kg),

bench press (175.5 kg, AUC new record), total (683 kg) categories, and one silver in deadlift (245 kg) in the 105 kg category of the college division of the Asian University Cup.

The powerlifter also secured one gold in the bench press (187.5) and three silvers in the squat (257.5), deadlift (267.5x), and total (700kg) categories in the junior division of the Asian Equipped Powerlifting Championships as the Philippine representative.

“Nag-struggle ako sa deadlift kung saan ako nag-silver pero overall, ‘yung experience ko ay very worth it kasi sabi nga dun sa isang quote, ‘the more difficult it is, the greater the triumph,’” Austria remarked. The powerlifter even eagerly shouted “PILIPINAS!” (for the Philippines)” after his last attempt.

According to him, up until now, he could not process everything that has happened. “Noon parang unreachable dream lang siya



tapos ngayon nakarating ako dito, it’s a tremendous honor na i-represent ‘yung bansa kahit wala akong funding.”

“Nung nagplay ‘yung Lupang Hinirang naging emotional ako kasi lahat ng sacrifices nag-lead up sa ganon,” he furthered.

Support system

The powerlifter attributed his success to his family, teammates, coaches, entire Philippine delegation, and TSU officials, who were supportive all throughout the competition.

He extended his gratitude to Mr. Hilario “Sandy” Romen III, technical staff of the Office of Innovation and Business Development, who has been accompanying and assisting TSU powerlifters since their competitions in 2023.

When asked about Mr. Hilario’s experience during the competition, he told the Office of Public Affairs that he and Austria’s mother were very nervous while watching him. “Todo sigaw lang kami ng mommy niya at taga-video sa side. Support lang kami sa kanya,” he said.

Mr. Hilario was a former weightlifter who represented the College of Business and Accountancy in the university intramurals during his time. Austria is the first player he has handled throughout his tenure at TSU.

Austria also thanked his professors who were very considerate of him.

Outside bars and weight plates

Like any other student-athlete, Austria was juggling his studies and sports.

The powerlifter, a third-year CBA student, shared that he would train for almost four hours a day, five times a week. The gym served as his second home, where he would often study and review in between his training.

“Minsan nagreview ako habang nagte-training in between sets kapag nagpapahinga tapos sa gym na rin ako gumagawa ng activities,” he shared.

Apart from being a powerlifter, Austria also shares the same interest in drawing. He is the graphics editor of The Blaze, the

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official student publication of CBA. Apart from these, he plays various musical instruments like guitar, drums, and keyboard.

Future goals

Presently, Austria is a member of the TSU Powerlifting Team, an organization he established together with his teammates this year. He said they are working on making the team an official school organization aimed at introducing the world of powerlifting to the community.

“Ngayon nagpapa-orientation kami para sa mga students na willing malaman ‘yung powerlifting

– kumbaga crash course kung saan e-explain namin ‘yung mga fundamentals ng sports. We are planning to go outside na i-present ‘yung sports outside to the public,” he explained.

The powerlifter also shared that his long-term goal is to qualify for the World Games 2029.

More than a sport

When asked for his advice to student-athletes, Austria urged them to explore and try other sports.

“Mag-try sila ng different sports tulad ng powerlifting, malay nila may potential sila dito tulad nung tinry ko,” he said.

According to him,



those who wish to try powerlifting may approach him or their club in TSU so they can guide them through.

“Hindi lang siya sa sport kundi lifestyle din siya,” he added.

Austria reminded the student-athletes to avoid being discouraged and always give their best in

whatever they do. He shared his favorite quote by Nick Vujicic, “The greater the struggle, the more glorious the triumph.”

Austria is set to compete in the 2025 World Games in Chengdu, China, representing Asia.

Photos from Ken Andrey P. Austria

New TSUian civil engineers show gratitude to Pres. Velasco, COE via campus visit

Mary Joy B. Manalo

Seventeen newly licensed TSUian civil engineers of the April 2024 Civil Engineers Licensure Examination paid a courtesy visit to TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco on May 14, 2024 at the Office of the University President, Main Campus.

According to College of Engineering Dean Dr. Marie Wendy J. Frany, this is the second time the graduates of the civil engineering program’s new curriculum recorded a 100% passing rate in the CELE, following the November 2023 boards.

“We hope na ma-sustain ng mga susunod sa inyo ‘yung ganitong performance at maging motivation natin ang mga

civil engineers na meron tayo sa TSU ngayon. Keep dreaming and do not be satisfied with what you have now – aim for more since bata pa kayo,” Pres. Velasco told the new civil engineers and the faculty members in attendance.

Meanwhile, Engr. Anclaine Isla delivered a message of thanks on behalf of the passers.

“Thank you po lalo na po sa mga professors namin at pati na rin po sa TSU. Hindi po naming mararating ito kung hindi po dahil sa inyo,” she said.

Aside from Pres. Velasco, the passers were also welcomed by Vice President for Research Development and Extension Dr. Murphy



P. Mohammed, an attached faculty member of COE under the CE program, COE Associate Dean Engr. Susa Nina A. Sapad, and other CE faculty members.

On April 26, the Professional Regulation

Commission released the April 2024 CELE results, wherein TSU posted a 43.04% institutional passing rate with 34 passers against the 39.32% national passing rate.

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3 SUCs conducts pilot testing for UAQTEA data collection instruments

As explained by Dr. Palencia, the project seeks to know the reason behind the prevalent cases of dropouts and out-of-school youth despite having the free higher education law.

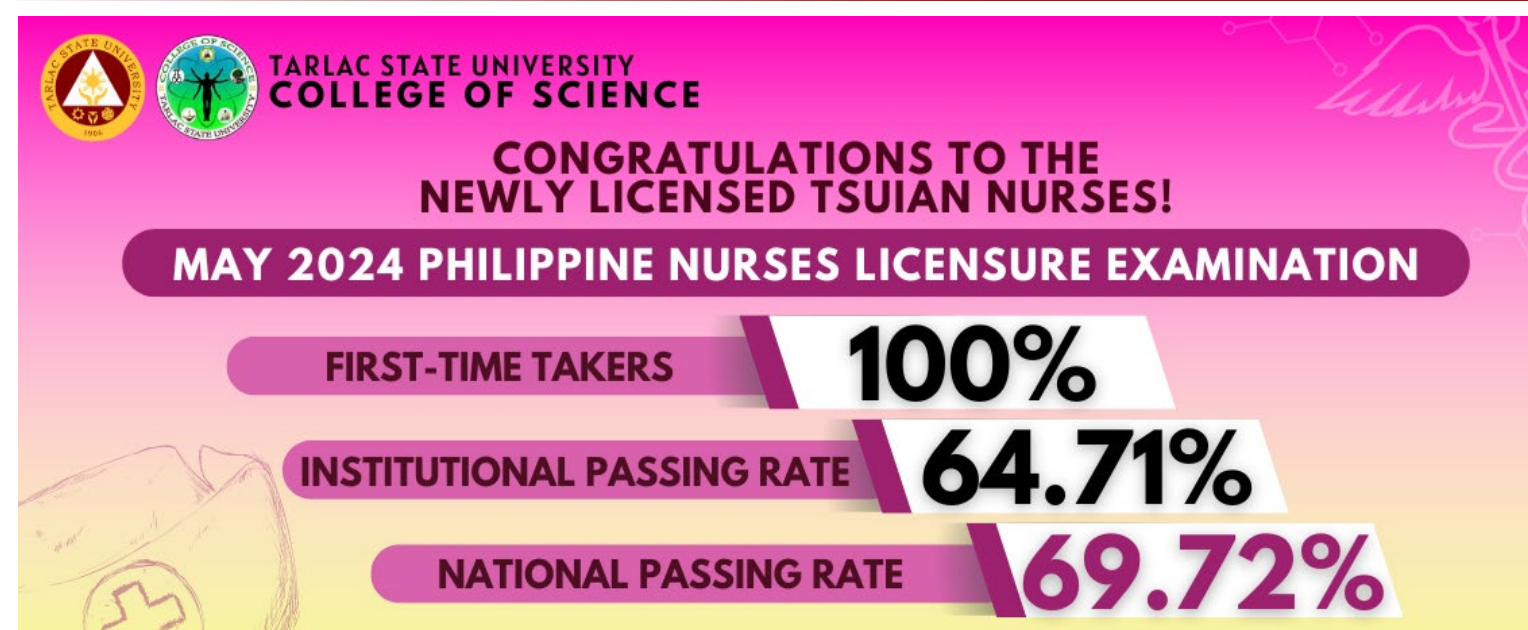
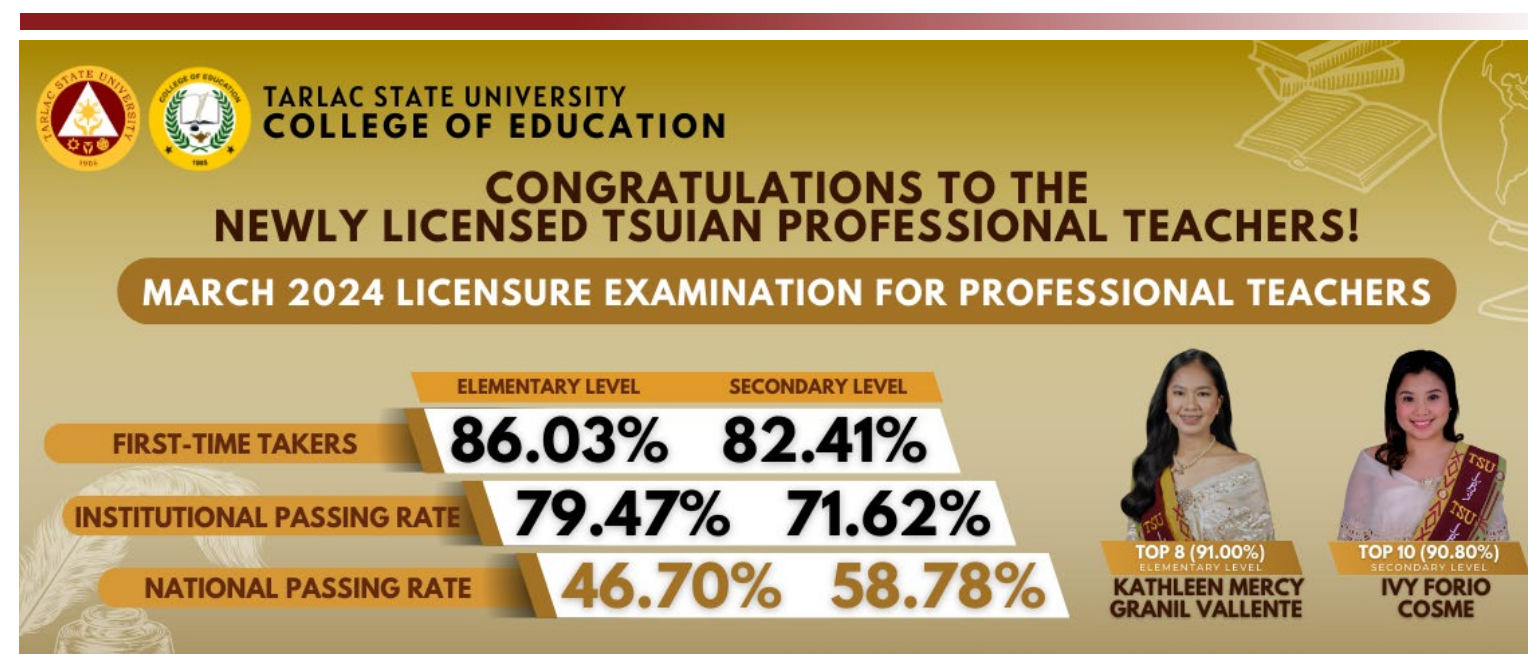
“Through the project, SUCs and CHED can provide appropriate support to


these individuals for us to achieve our goal to provide transformative education to uplift the lives of people in poverty,” Dr. Palencia added.

The data collection instruments focused on the admission, retention, and completion policies, processes, and practices in SUCs.

Also present during the event are Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Brigido B. Corpuz, Presidential Assistant, Dr. Theda Flare G. Quilala, Office of Admission and Registration Director, Dr. Gladie Natherine N. Cabanizas, Student Affairs and Services OIC Director,

Dr. Niña G. Valentin, Scholarship and Financial Assistance Unit Head, and Mr. Allan S. Santos, International Differently-Abled, Indigenous, Marginalized Student Services (IDIMSS) Unit Head.





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